

Rush Creek Neighborhood Meeting

February 23, 2012

Citizen Comments

I recommend that you conduct a legitimate traffic study for Creekside Dr. and Valleycrest Dr. before you eliminate these streets. I really believe you will create a bigger problem by eliminating the streets versus retaining them regardless of the voting results. If you do eliminate them, you might have to install a traffic light at South crest and Arkansas lane.

BEFORE removing the streets you need to install a signal light at the corner of Southcrest and Arkansas Lane. There are many accidents and now there will be more and more frequent.

Getting rid of Creek side will do the following: 1. Limit access to the park, 2. Fewer people will be able to see what's going on, an invitation for criminal activity, 3. Much more traffic will be pushed onto Woodside and Woodland Park (both are very busy streets for a residential area), plus it makes Dunn Elementary traffic worse, 4. Why spend a huge amount of money to take out a road that provides parking and then spend a lot of money to install parking, 5. Parking lots tend to be areas for criminals or other undesired activity, especially if not monitored (such as in Plan D), 6. Please do the tryout suggested and blockade Creek side so a traffic analysis can be done. What traffic analysis has been done already? Please publish/email results. Call me, more than willing to help!!

Please cut grass in the park more often. Have someone from department oversee service of mowing company. If you do not have enough people to oversee parks, ask for volunteers within the community to help.

1. PLEASE consider a traffic light at Southcrest and Arkansas. 2. For the Creekside corner parking why not keep creek side open. 3. Closing a cul-de-sac might have been better to keep it open and add a light for parking. 4. PLEASE add many more lamps along the streets affected.

Please put stop light at Arkansas Lane and Southcrest. Would prefer to keep street in. Bad weather will cause some of us. Would request trail for streets before removing. Also lights to be added on Creekside as its very dark. Woodland Park Ct.

There is far too much debris and sediment in Rush Creek. Removal of that would improve the creek water flow greatly!

When redoing the sidewalks/path can you please fill in the low spots. Whenever it rains we have standing water in the low spots for several days. Its hard to get around them without getting wet and/or muddy.

The satellite park of Clarence Foster Park head of Woodside Dr. is the DEN area of the park of coyotes, skunks, raccoons, possums and the occasional bobcat. Please remove fallen leaves and vines from this area!! Leave Creekside and Valleycrest as they are including the old driveway stubs. Great for turning around and letting out people. If Plan D goes forward will the City but me out?

We really like the concept D park plan. We feel the roads being removed is the best plan for "safety and "aesthetics" for the neighborhood. And we appreciate how the city has carried out this project. I want to attend all meetings!!! Thanks

Since streets are to be removed please put a traffic signal at Arkansas and Southcrest Drive. It is a very dangerous intersection to turn going east on Arkansas from Southcrest Drive.

Rush Creek still grown up at Division. Is removal of streets final? Need to address traffic issues at Southcrest and Arkansas and short sight distance at Woodside and Creekside Drive.

Greatly disappointed taking out streets will be a great inconvenience.

Please take out Valleycrest and make it a real park. The traffic is becoming worse and faster. Make it a real park!! It will never be a park if you leave the streets and thank you so much for the regular mowing.

The lights in Clarence Foster Park all too often are on during the day and not at night. Please regulate.

Please remove the streets. Just because some residents think being loud and vocal gives them more rights, they're wrong. Your survey shows that the majority want the streets removed. We live one house from Southcrest and Valleycrest intersection. It is 3/10th of a mile farther to drive when the streets are removed.

I think you have done a great job. Keep up the work, thanks.

We're still in favor of removing the streets. The best way to make it a good park.

Love removing the streets to preserve integrated park use and less trash being thrown in yards where houses were removed. "D" is great.

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Don't change plans. Remove the streets. Make it a real park.

Great decision on the road removing. We appreciate your concern on the welfare of our park!!

Looks great without streets.

I feel strongly that the streets should be removed and your plan D seems quite reasonable. Safety for the neighborhood and nearby elementary children would be helped by this. It would also make it a much more beautiful area.

I am in support of removing portions of Creekside and Valleycrest for above all else safety. This park is used by many children during and after school. A majority of children from Park Spring walk home and to school. If a through street runs through the park I am very concerned for those children. The large grass areas are used for playing soccer and football and I fear distracted children running into the street. I also believe it makes a better park by being continuous without through streets where people can travel at high speeds. Since the houses have been removed I have witnessed increased speeds, especially on Creekside Drive.

I would like to thank you for all the hard work. You guys are doing a great job. Any chance of more trails in Kelley Park?

Why not block off Creekside Drive and Valleycrest to all traffic except local residents. This would allow people to see how the flow of the traffic will be coming from Dunn Elementary and having to use Southcrest to get on to Arkansas Lane is already a suicide trip to use Southcrest to get on Arkansas. A traffic light would be mandatory to keep from someone being killed at this intersection if the streets are removed at the park. Very dangerous intersection.

My major concern with removing the streets is lack of ability of police and fire to respond to situations in the park. They have already blocked off Woodland Park Court because of the problems. Imagine what may happen when police and fire can not patrol areas left isolated when the streets are removed. another problem is going to be turnaround traffic on our court when cars not not go on down Creekside Ct.

If the pavilion is to be built, build the parking lot adjacent to it. Putting the 22 spaces at Creekside Drive and Valleycrest will not be convenient to the picnic area. We will still have cars parking on Woodland Park Blvd., Creekside Drive and Creekside Court to go to picnic area. Why spend the money to tear the streets out. Use common sense on this idea.

If we go on with the idea of removing the streets I feel it is unfair for us on Creekside Ct. to have to live everyday with the decision made by our neighbors that live as much as 1/2 mile away and probably don't use the park much. We live with the cars, the parking, the problems with the park on a daily basis. If just feel if you build the picnic area, putting parking next to it not 200 yards from it is the best idea. Tearing our the roads seems like a huge expense, when you already have parking on Woodland Park and Creekside Drive.

There seems to be an objective to increase debris and fallen limbs to increase the habitat and population of "critters" in Kelley Park. For the benefit of the homeowners surrounding the park, critter control would be a much better objective. We have had to trap and move more than 25 squirrels and spend over \$2,500 in repair and rework to keep them out our attic. We have suffered over \$2,000 worth of squirrel damage to our RV. Our front yard has been torn up completely several times from armadillos and we see possums frequently touring our yard. We urge you to consider critter control and foster increases in park and wildlife areas which are more remote to populated areas. We also heartily support the suggestion made at the 2/23 meeting to run a trial of closures of Valleycrest and Creekside before a final decision is made.

My primary concern would be that the children who live in the apartments along Park Springs still be able to walk through Foster Park in route to Dunn Elementary School and not have to walk along Arkansas Lane, very dangerous, fast traffic for children in route to school!! The city was generous, we thought, to buy and demolish the homes that were flooded - it was a horrendous downpour of rain over 2 days that caused the flooding. Act of nature. The park looks very natural and nice. You would never know the houses even sat there. Trim a few dead bushes, and dead trees and it looks pretty good "as is". Doesn't need much. we love Foster Park and have always felt totally safe, even walking after dark. Everyone walks there. We've been in this neighborhood 20 years and have never had any crime at all. The parks are a great joy! Thanks!!!